

Athletes of the Week:

Rylan Patty & Samantha Huynh

Honorable Mention: Tommy Ashton & Abigail Jacoby

By Jonathan Comeaux

We're bringing back our Athlete of the Week award this week. We've named Rylan Patty of the boys' water polo team and Samantha Huynh of girls' tennis team as our Athletes of the Week. Honorable mention awards go to Tommy Ashton of the football team and water polo player Abigail Jacoby.

Patty, a freshman water polo player, exploded with big performances to help Piedmont win the Napa Tournament. In Piedmont's 10-8 win over Marin Catholic in the title game, Patty scored eight goals including converting all four penalty shot attempts.

Huynh has locked down a spot on Piedmont's No. 1 doubles team. Over the past week, she paired with Maddie Tran for a 6-1, 6-1

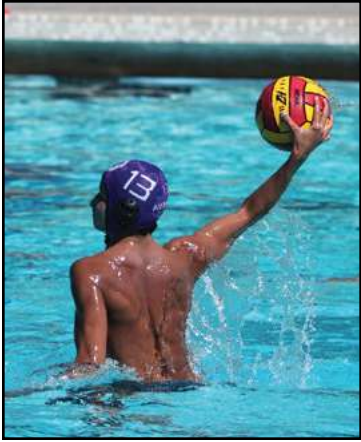


Photo by Lynne Wright

Rylan Patty earns Athlete of the Week for scoring eight goals against Marin Catholic to win the 2024 Napa Tournament.



Staff Photos

Samantha Huynh earns Athlete of the Week for claiming a pair of wins as one of Piedmont's top doubles starters.



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Tommy Ashton earns an honorable mention for his 157-yard, two touchdown performance.



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Abigail Jacoby earns an honorable mention for her performance in Piedmont's last four matches.

JV football shuts out Encinal 41-0



Photos by JC Curran

Piedmont's JV football team claimed a dominant 41-0 win against Encinal.

By Jonah Cha-Foster, Colby Hong, George Saunders

Piedmont High's junior varsity football team claimed its second straight dominant win with a 41-0 shutout against Encinal on Friday, September 20 at Witter Field. It comes after Piedmont's 49-12 win over Mt. Eden the previous week.

The JV Scots have outscored their opponents 84-12 in the last two weeks.

Piedmont's captains for Friday's game included freshmen Max Fujimoto and Mateo Long, along with sophomores Owen Curran and Colby Hong.

Hong becomes the first two-time captain of the season and is currently leading the team in tackles and interceptions. Also returning to the quarterback spot was freshman Jimmy Lagios after recovering from an injury.

The Scots came out slow in the first quarter after tossing an interception on the first drive of the game. The Jets drove to Piedmont's red zone on its ensuing possession, but the PHS defense forced a turnover on downs.

Lagios got things rolling on the next drive, connecting with receiver Diego Hurwitz for a 30-yard touchdown. It was the first of three touchdowns for Hurwitz, giving him eight total

scores on the season.

On Encinal's next offensive series, Fujimoto blocked a punt, resulting in a scoop and score by Hong to make it 14-0. Fujimoto, now on offense, then scored a touchdown on a pass reception to put PHS up with a commanding 21-0 lead at halftime.

Piedmont's first drive out of halftime resulted in another touchdown reception by Hurwitz for a 28-0 lead. Hurwitz wasn't done though, recording his final score on a punt return to the end zone for his eighth touchdown in four games.

Leading 35-0 in the fourth quarter, Jonah Cha-Foster entered at quarterback to put the final nail in the Jets' coffin with a rushing touchdown, making it 41-0 after a missed extra point.

The Highlanders have a bye next week and currently have a 2-1-1 record. They look to continue their winning streak in two weeks against Dougherty Valley on October 4.

NEXT UP

Piedmont (2-1-1) hosts Dougherty Valley at Witter Field on Friday, October 4 at 4:00 p.m.



Diego Hurwitz scored three touchdowns against the Jets, giving him eight scores in four games.

Triathlon Club to host Splash & Dash event on Nov. 2

Kids' event at Mills College campus and pool

The Oakland Triathlon Club will hold its second annual "Youth Splash and Dash" at Mills College on November 2, offering youngsters aged 6 to 15 a chance to take an invigorating athletic swim followed by a hearty run.

The Splash and Dash event will begin with the swim segment in the 10 lane Trefethen Aquatic Center pool before students run through the heart of the Mills College Campus. Participants between the ages of 6 and 10 will complete a 100-yard swim followed by a 1k run, while older participants between the ages of 11 and 15 will complete a 200-yard swim followed by a 2k run.

"As a triathlete and parent, I've loved seeing my own kids' excitement when I compete," said Triathlon Club President Deepak Gupta "I loved having their first experience of multisport at last year's Splash & Dash feel celebratory and approachable. The OTC Youth Splash & Dash demonstrates OTC's trademark community and camaraderie, and we are excited to share that with Oakland's youth again this year."

Parents can register their kids on the event website: splashanddash.oaklandtriclub.org. The event is intended as an introduction to multisport and will not have official timing or prizes.

"The Youth Splash and Dash is more than a race – it's a community celebration," explained the Triathlon Club's press release. "Families, friends, and fellow community members will be there to cheer on these young athletes as they conquer the course."

All children participating will receive an Oakland Triathlon Club swim cap, a goodie bag and a USA Triathlon finisher medal to honor their accomplishment.

The Oakland Triathlon Club's event is the first USA Triathlon-sanctioned Splash and Dash event in Northern California. The club's event is now one of several that make up the 2024 Northern California Youth Series.

"I love the USAT Splash and Dash format, as it embraces everything I love about the joy of multisport, and gives me a way to invite my own kiddo into the sport without any pressure," said Oakland Triathlon Club Race Director Betsy Block. "Last year's event was a celebration of joy of being active, and I'm so excited to see this event grow."

The club's second annual "Youth Splash and Dash" is sponsored by Transports, Talamel, B3 Coach, and ACE California Law. Additional sponsors include Zone3, Gentico and Zen Strength & Conditioning.

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